CHICAGO'S STOLEN STAMPS?

INSPECTORS SEIZE STOKESS STOCK AND ARREST HIM.

More Than 84.000 Worth Taken Belevel to Be Part of the Lot That Left the Chicago Office by Tunnel—He Has Been Selling Them at 10 Per Cent. Off.

Post Office Inspectors Mayer and Stewart of Chicago, in conjunction with Inspector Swift of this city, arrested here on Monday Charles Stokes, a stamp dealer, of 651 Monroe street, Brooklyn, on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery of the Chicago Post Office on Oct. 19. On that night burglars, who had tunnelled under one of the vaults of the Post Office, broke in and got away with \$76,110 worth of stamps.

Stokes was lodged in Ludlow Street Jail, and yesterday his place was searched by the Post Office Inspectors and the Brooklyn police. The search revealed stamps aggregating in value \$2,298.89, and Stokes when prested had on his person stamps worth \$2,000 more. The stamps are of all denominations, from one cent to a dollar. They are mostly in sheets, and their quantity and the manner in which Stokes offered them for sale drew suspicion upon him.

The arrest is regarded by the inspectors as of the highest importance. They took their prisoner before United States Commissioner Shields, yesterday, charging him with having in his possession stamps be-longing to the United States Government, and he was committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bail pending examination on Thursday.

How they had come to arrest Stokes the inspectors will not say yet. Ever since the robbery, however, the Post Office authorities all over the country have been keeping their eyes open for persons offer-

the robbery, however, the Post Office authorities all over the country have been keeping their eyes open for persons offering to sell stamps in large quantities. Stokes, it is said, has been going around offering one-cent stamps in quantities at a discount of about 10 per cent., and has been doing a land-office business with druggists and cigar dealers. The inspectors say that he had more one-cent stamps than have been stolen in the last year from all the Post Offices in the country with that in Chicago.

They arrested him on Monday as he got off a Brooklyn trolley car on this side of the Bridge and took him to the Post Office, where he was closeted with the inspectors for more than nine hours. Just what was got out of him at this secret examination has not been disclosed.

In all \$1,260 stamps were seized at Stokes's home, where he lived with his sisters. There were 46.562 one-cent stamps and 12,241 two-centers. The rest ranged all the way up to dollar stamps, the lot including more than 1,000 special delivery stamps. This is said to be an unheard of number for a private individual, even though he is a stamp dealer. The sheets all bore the Government plate numbers and by means of this it is hoped that the stamps can be identified. The number of the sheets will be sent to Washington, where they will be compared with those which the books there will show were issued to the Chicago Post Office. To a Sun reporter who saw Stokes in Ludlew Street Jail he seemed little put out by his arrest.

"The people who arrested me will find that they have made a mistake," he said. "I have been in the stamp business for over twenty years and have plenty to vouch for me. I am what is called a stamp broker. The stamps I buy from anybody who comes along, and I buy all kinds of stamps. It is a little unusual for me to have such a large amount on hand as I have now, but I came by them perfectly regularly as far as I know. I do not recall the different people I have bought them of if that is what they are after. That would be impossib

WOMAN BETRAYS MOONSHINERS. Elaborate Copper Still Found Running in West Twelfth Street.

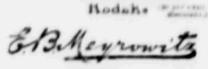
A woman who could not speak English appeared before United States Commissioner Shields on Monday evening with a paper on which was written a charge that a secret still was being operated in West Twelfth street. The Commissioner sent the woman over to the Internal Revnue Office telling her to make the complaint to Col. F. G. Thompson, Interna Revenue Agent for the Second district. Col. Thompson heard her story and then with his deputies Fellows, Taylor, Moore, Hibbert and Major, raided a stable in the rear of a vacant carpenter shop at 249 West Twelfth street, and found two at 249 West Twelfth street, and found two men running a twin copper still, with a capacity of about 500 gallons a day. The still was elaborate and furnished with appliances for the manufacture of high proof spirits. The prisoners are Jacob Herskowitz and Paul Muller, both of 69 Rivington street, and the latter a boy of 17. Muller tried to escape, but a shot in the air from Common street, and the latter a boy of 18. Muller tried to escape, but a shot in the air from Common street, brought him up.

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still has been running for some weeks. JAIL CURE FOR LOVE.

Lorn Suiter Hopes to Be Saved From Anguish, Besoistion and Living Death. William French, a diamond setter of 626 West 152d street, was held in \$500 hall vesterday in the Gates avenue police court. Brooklyn, on the charge of sending threaterdig letters to Miss Alice Guenat, the daughter of a Nassau street jeweller, who tree in Halsey street. French was formerly is partnership with the young woman's father. He has been arrested before for according her and was in the Flatbush serium. He was released as cured and almost immediately began to gancy the From woman again. She paid no attenon sorth che received the following letter to the first of the surmer of Mateur and Frage Armine Stational Stations in the More former then the inter in the Reight were prices on the and Laurenties Furth to at the appearance place on Agintley

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From the Philadelphia Times It gives promise of a really broad and able national weekly that will regain its old standing and be a credit to the ample resources of modern printing and illustration. The first number is mechanically beautiful. The illustrations are attractive, and most of them have new value. The editorial writing is in a series of paragraphs which flow over the second and third pages and then fall into the "Continued-onpage-so-and-so" habit, which has made good people say bad things about modern journalism, but as the President's message had to be surveyed -- a very bright stroke of enterprise, by the way -- this was excusable. Mr. E. S. Martin's department, which has been the best thing in the "Weckly," is wisely retained, and there is a variety of contents that will please even the exacting reader. If the editor puts the same thought and spirit into the "Weekly" as he has into the "North American Review." its success will be certain.

From the New York Mail and Express

This issue is printed on fine paper, which does full justice to the admirable illustrations, among which are portraits of the Duchess of Marlborough and Mr. Abbev, with reproductions of his work; but the new editor's land is chiefly felt in the text, "Harper's Weekly" is to be, those than ever, a current review of affairs municipal, national and international, of happenings in the fields of literature, art, music, sport, etc. A remarkable feature of this number is a digest and review of President Roosevelt's first message, published yesterday-n feat impressedented, we believe, in the history of weekly journalism, And the paper is as strikingly "up to date" in all its departments. The new "Hosper's Workly" makes a bid for a wider popularity than it has ever enjoyed before, and it does so by offering the best work in text and illustration that is procurable in this country and abroad. It enants communic success, but it has started on the right road to deserve it.

From the New York Journal

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From the New York Evening Post

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